

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 10/073,293

Examiner: GANGLE, Brian J.

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Atty. Docket: US-1450

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING TO  
THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Confirmation No.: 3493

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ii.  Other
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv.  Other
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of        months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
    - b.  Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  Direct payment through EFS-RAM.

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b.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.   
 i.  The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)  
 ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)  
 iii.  Other

c.  Check in the amount of \$  enclosed

d.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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